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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED COMMITTEE CITES NON-RESPONSE BY US IN REFUSING
PUBLIC INTERROGATIONS

1. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARIAMENTARY INQUIRY COMMITTEE
REJECTED ON DECEMBER 14 THE APPEAL BY FORMER MINISTERS
GUI, RUMOR AND TANASSI TO BE INTERROGATED IN PUBLIC ON THEIR
INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCKHEED CASE. THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN
REPORTED AS JUSTIFYING ITS DECISION AS FOLLOWS: "WITH
REFERENCE TO THE REQUESTS PRESENTED BY SENATOR LUIGI GUI,
BY ON. MARIANO RUMOR AND BY ON. MARIO TANASSI WHICH AIMED
AT OBTAINING THE FULLEST PUBLICITY FOR THE INTERROGATIONS,
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY (OF THE COMMITTEE) COMMUNICATES
THAT THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED THAT SAID REQUESTS
MAY NOT BE AGREED TO BECAUSE THE AUTHORIZATION FORESEEN BY
ART. 3 OF THE DECREE LAW OF APRIL 1, 1976, WHICH CONTAINED
THE DISPOSTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT
STIPULATED ON MARCH 28, 1976 BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF
PARDONS AND JUSTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAS NOT BEEN
RECEIVED, DESPITE A TIMELY REQUEST FOR SUCH." THE
CONSERVATIVE IL GIORNALE REPORTS THAT THE COMMITTEE
RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE US TWO WEEKS AGO, BUT FAILED
TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY WHETHER THE LETTER CONSTITUTED A
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POSTIVIE OR NEGATIVE REPNSE ON PUBLIC USE OF THE

DOCUMENTS.

2. THIS DECISION HAS GIVEN THE LEFT-LEANING PRESS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ATTENTION T THE ALLEGED AMERICAN "VETO" OVER THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. EVEN COMMITTEE PRESIDENT MARTINAZZOLI (DC) IS QUOTED BY LA REPUBBLICA (LEFT-WING) AS WRITING TO GUI, "I'M SORRY TO SAY IT, BUT WE CAN'T (COMMENT: INTERROGATE PUBLICLY), THE UNITED STATES DOESN'T WANT IT."

3. COMMENT: THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC USE OF THE DOCU-
MENTS OBTAINED FROM THE US UNDER THE MARCH AGREEMENT
IS LIKELY TO ARISE MORE THAN ONCE AS THE COMMITTEE
COMPLETES ITS WORK. IN DENYING THE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC
INTERROGATION, THE COMMITTEE ADDED THAT THE ACCUSED WILL
BE ABLE TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY
AT THE PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION
AND DECISION (I.E. AFTER NON-PUBLIC
INTERROGATION OF WITNESSES IS COMPLETED). WE THUS
EXPECT THAT JOURNALISTEC INTEREST WILL
REMAIN FOCUSSED ON US ATTITUDE TOWARD USE OF THE
DOCUMENTS IN PUBLIC COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS.
INTERESTED JOURNALISTS MAY QUERY STATE OR JUSTICE IN
WASHINGTON ON THE MATTER. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR
US TO KNOW JUSTICE'S ATTITUDE ON THE REQUEST ALREADY
MADE BY THE COMMITTEE AND ON THE POSSIBLITY OF
FUTURE USE OF THE DOCUMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE IN PUBLIC
INTERROGATION OF THE ACCUSED. BEAUDRY

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